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MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety

FROM: Robert L. Schurmeier, Director *Kelly Payne on behalf of Robert Schurmeier*

DATE: March 21, 2024

SUBJECT: SBI Report on Domestic Violence Related Homicides for 2023

General Statute 143B-901 requires the Department of Public Safety to submit a report to the legislature each year, illustrating the number of domestic violence related homicides which were reported during the previous calendar year.

Due to the recent split of the Department of Public Safety and the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (SBI), and because this report is prepared by the SBI, we are submitting the attached Report on Domestic Violence Related Homicides for Calendar Year 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact me at any time.

Report on Domestic Violence Related Homicides for Calendar Year 2023 Reporting Requirements and Implementation

North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation

At the request of the Department of Public Safety, the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation collects this information from other law enforcement agencies throughout the state. This information is simply collected and forwarded to the SBI voluntarily by those agencies. The SBI has not validated each claim individually.

Reporting Requirements

North Carolina General Statute 143B-901 directs all state and local law enforcement agencies to report specific information regarding domestic violence related homicides to the North Carolina Department of Public Safety. Pursuant to this statute, the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation has developed the Domestic Violence Related Homicide Report form, in consultation with the NC Council for Women/Domestic Violence Commission, the NC Sheriffs Association, and the NC Association of Chiefs of Police. Each law enforcement agency in North Carolina must complete a report for each domestic violence related homicide committed within that agency's jurisdiction. The report is to be completed upon the filing of charges, or when charges would have been filed against the offender if other circumstances, like the death of the offender, had not intervened. Reporting of domestic violence related homicides is an ongoing requirement for all state and local law enforcement agencies. The State Bureau of Investigation collects this information and reports it to the General Assembly.

§ 143B-901. Reporting system and database on certain domestic-violence-related homicides; reports by law enforcement agencies required; annual report to the General Assembly.

The Department of Public Safety, in consultation with the North Carolina Council for Women/Domestic Violence Commission, the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, and the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police, shall develop a reporting system and database that reflects the number of homicides in the State where the offender and the victim had a personal relationship, as defined by G.S. 50B-1(b). The information in the database shall also include the type of personal relationship that existed between the offender and the victim, whether the victim had obtained an order pursuant to G.S. 50B-3, and whether there was a pending charge for which the offender was on pretrial release pursuant to G.S. 15A-534.1. All State and local law enforcement agencies shall report information to the Department of Public Safety upon making a determination that a homicide meets the reporting system's criteria. The report shall be made in the format adopted by the Department of Public Safety. The Department of Public Safety shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety, no later than April 1 of each year, with the data collected for the previous calendar year. (2007-14, s. 2; 2014-100, ss. 17.1(g), (rr).)

Report on Domestic Violence Related Homicides for Calendar Year 2023

Statistics

There were 135 victims of domestic violence related homicide during calendar year 2023. This represents a 17.4% increase from the 115 individual victims reported for calendar year 2022. The 2023 incidents catalogued 128 offenders, which is 13 more offenders than reported in 2022.

Additional information reported is as follows:

- ◆ 78 victims were female
- ◆ 57 victims were male

- ◆ 96 offenders were male
- ◆ 32 offenders were female

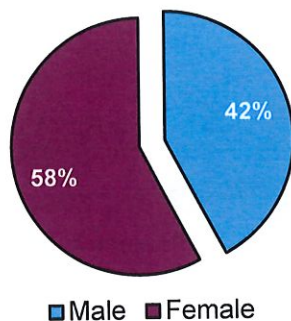
- ◆ Six of the 135 victims in 2023 had previously taken out protective orders when the homicide occurred. Three of those protective orders were current (active) at the time the homicide occurred.

- ◆ Only two of the offenders reported were participating in a pre-trial release program, for a crime of aggravated assault, when the homicide occurred.

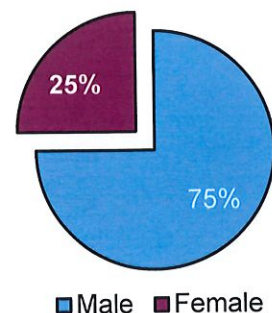
Information in this report represents data submitted to the SBI by state and local law enforcement agencies as of March 15, 2024. The offender count may differ from the victim count because single victims may have more than one offender and one offender might have multiple victims.

Gender Percentages for Reported Data – Calendar Year 2023

| Victim Gender | | | |
|---------------|-------|------|-------|
| Female | | Male | |
| Ct | % Tot | Ct | % Tot |
| 78 | 57.8 | 57 | 42.2 |



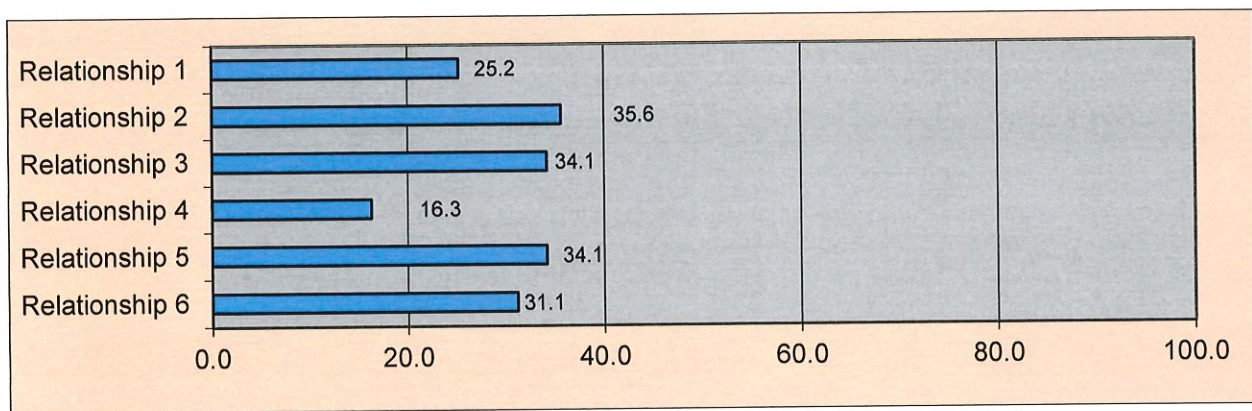
| Off Gender | | | |
|------------|-------|------|-------|
| Female | | Male | |
| Ct | % Tot | Ct | % Tot |
| 32 | 25.0 | 96 | 75.0 |



Relationships Between Victim and Offender, as a Percent of Total Reports in 2023
Relationships Defined in G.S. 50B-1(b)

| R1 | | R2 | | R3 | | R4 | | R5 | | R6 | |
|----|-------|----|-------|----|-------|----|-------|----|-------|----|-------|
| Ct | % Tot | Ct | % Tot | Ct | % Tot | Ct | % Tot | Ct | % Tot | Ct | % Tot |
| 34 | 25.2 | 48 | 35.6 | 46 | 34.1 | 22 | 16.3 | 46 | 34.1 | 42 | 31.1 |

Relationship Between Victim and Offender as a Percent of Total Reports in 2023
The cumulative percentage of total reports exceeds 100%. A single offense can involve more than one relationship code.



Note that one victim/offender pair could be represented in more than one relationship group.

Relationship 1

Current or former spouses

Relationship 2

Persons of opposite sex who live together, or have lived together

Relationship 3

Related as parents and children, including others acting in loco parentis to a minor child, or as grandparents and grandchildren

Relationship 4

Have a child in common

Relationship 5

Current or former household members

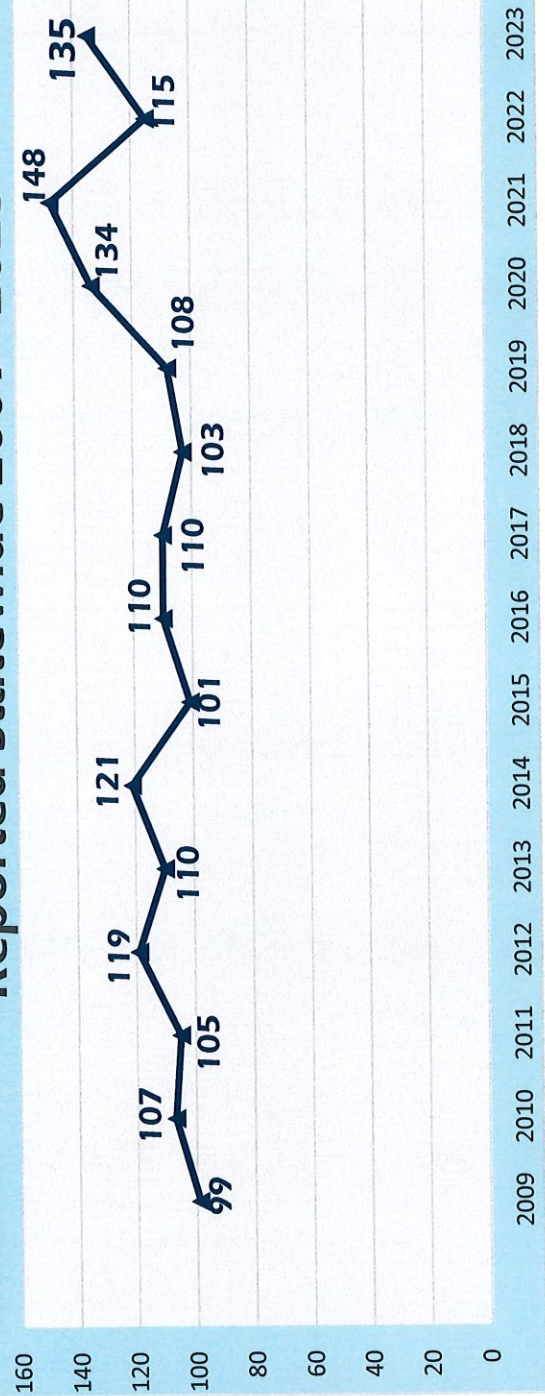
Relationship 6

Persons of the opposite sex who are in a dating relationship or have been in a dating relationship. A dating relationship is one wherein the parties are romantically involved over time, and on a continuous basis, during the relationship. A casual acquaintance or ordinary fraternization between persons in a business or social context is not a dating relationship.

Domestic Violence Related Homicides Monthly Totals, 2014 – 2023

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 2014 | 7 | 10 | 11 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 12 | 9 | 11 | 17 |
| 2015 | 7 | 11 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 7 | 6 | 10 |
| 2016 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 11 | 7 | 10 | 8 |
| 2017 | 9 | 8 | 11 | 8 | 7 | 10 | 14 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 11 |
| 2018 | 10 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 10 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 13 | 4 | 14 | 6 |
| 2019 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 11 | 6 | 11 | 15 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 8 |
| 2020 | 15 | 9 | 16 | 7 | 10 | 12 | 17 | 9 | 12 | 15 | 5 | 10 |
| 2021 | 13 | 8 | 5 | 17 | 9 | 19 | 17 | 18 | 6 | 12 | 9 | 14 |
| 2022 | 15 | 8 | 8 | 13 | 11 | 8 | 15 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 6 | 10 |
| 2023 | 17 | 9 | 8 | 13 | 9 | 17 | 8 | 7 | 16 | 8 | 13 | 10 |

Domestic Violence Related Homicides Reported Statewide 2009 - 2023



**Domestic Violence Related Homicides, By County
2019 - 2023**

| County | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Alamance | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Alexander | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Alleghany | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Anson | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Ashe | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Avery | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Beaufort | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Bertie | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Bladen | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 2 |
| Brunswick | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Buncombe | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Burke | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Cabarrus | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Caldwell | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Camden | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Carteret | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Caswell | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Catawba | 3 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 0 |
| Chatham | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Cherokee | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Clay | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Cleveland | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Columbus | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Craven | 1 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Cumberland | 6 | 10 | 4 | 14 | 12 |
| Currituck | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Dare | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Davidson | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Davie | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Duplin | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Durham | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Edgecombe | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 1 |
| Forsyth | 7 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 10 |
| Franklin | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Gaston | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 5 |
| Gates | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Graham | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Granville | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Greene | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Guilford | 7 | 10 | 12 | 6 | 15 |

**Domestic Violence Related Homicides, By County
2019 - 2023**

| County | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Halifax | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Harnett | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Haywood | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Henderson | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Hertford | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hoke | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Iredell | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Jackson | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Johnston | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Jones | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lee | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Lenoir | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Lincoln | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Macon | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Madison | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Martin | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| McDowell | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mecklenburg | 12 | 17 | 9 | 5 | 10 |
| Mitchell | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Montgomery | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Moore | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nash | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| New Hanover | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Northampton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Onslow | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Orange | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Pamlico | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pasquotank | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pender | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Person | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Pitt | 0 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 4 |
| Polk | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Randolph | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Richmond | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Robeson | 4 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 6 |
| Rockingham | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Rowan | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Rutherford | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Sampson | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Scotland | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Stanly | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Stokes | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

**Domestic Violence Related Homicides, By County
2019 - 2023**

| County | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Surry | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Swain | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Transylvania | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Union | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Vance | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Wake | 5 | 9 | 13 | 4 | 6 |
| Warren | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Watauga | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Wayne | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| Wilkes | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Wilson | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Yadkin | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Yancey | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 |

APPENDICES

**APPENDIX A - 2023 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED HOMICIDE
REPORT FORM**

**APPENDIX B - 2023 HATE CRIME / DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDE /
DEADLY FORCE SUMMARY REPORT FORM**

Domestic Violence Report
March 21, 2024
Appendix A

| Domestic Violence Related Homicide Report | | |
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| INSTRUCTIONS | | |
| <p>Pursuant to NC Gen. Stat. § 143B-901, complete this form for homicides in your jurisdiction where there is a personal relationship as defined in NC Gen. Stat. § 50B-1(b) between the victim and the offender. This form should be completed upon the filing of charges, or when charges would have been filed against the offender but for other circumstances (i.e. the offender is now deceased). Complete one form for each qualifying homicide. You may file directly by emailing the form to DVhomicidereport@ncsbi.gov. If you are unable to submit electronically, fax to (919) 431-1638. If you have any questions regarding this form, contact SBI Crime Reporting (919) 582-8680.</p> | | |
| Reporting Agency | | Agency ORI |
| OCA | Agency Contact Name | Agency Contact Phone |
| Date of Arrest: | Date of Offense: | |
| RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VICTIM AND OFFENDER | | |
| <p>Victim's Relationship to Offender: Please check all that apply. Example: The victim and the offender are ____.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Current or former spouse</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Persons of opposite sex who live together or have lived together</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Related as parents and children, including others acting in loco parentis to a minor child, or as grandparents and grandchildren</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Have a child in common</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Current or former household members</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Persons of the opposite sex who are in a dating relationship or have been in a dating relationship. A dating relationship is one wherein the parties are romantically involved over time and on a continuous basis during the course of the relationship. A casual acquaintance or ordinary fraternization between persons in a business or social context is not a dating relationship.</p> | | |
| Gender of the Victim: <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE * Complete one report PER VICTIM | | |
| Gender of the Offender: <input type="checkbox"/> MALE (if multiple, enter # ____) <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE (if multiple, enter # ____) | | |
| PROTECTIVE ORDER | | |
| Had a Protective Order been issued pursuant to G.S. § 50B-3 to the victim against the offender? | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | |
| If yes, was it current? | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | |
| Were firearms ordered surrendered pursuant to the protective order (G.S. § 50B-3.1)? | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | |
| OFFENDER INFORMATION | | |
| Was the Offender on pretrial release pursuant to G.S. § 15A-534.1 for a crime of domestic violence? | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | |
| If yes, for what charge? (Please list statute number and short title) | | |
| Was the victim of the homicide also the victim of the prior crime for which the offender was on pretrial release? | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | |

| | |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| _____ Signature of Person Completing Report | _____ Title |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|

SBI - ### Pending North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation



NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION CRIME
REPORTING UNIT

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDE – DEADLY FORCE
Offenses Known to Law Enforcement 2023

Summary Report

This report, as required by North Carolina General Statute § 143B-902, is to be completed once a year and forwarded to the State Bureau of Investigation's Crime Reporting Unit by **January 30th**. This report is to indicate the total number of domestic violence homicides and deaths as a result of deadly force that occurred in your jurisdiction during the year.

INSTRUCTIONS

- ▶ Report the number of **domestic-violence-related homicides** reported to your agency for EACH MONTH.
- ▶ Report the number of **deaths resulting from the use of deadly force** by a law enforcement officer in your agency during the course and scope of their official duties.
- ▶ If there are no incidents in any month, **you must report "0" for that month for each type of incident**. Do not leave any month blank.
- ▶ If you have any domestic-violence-related homicides and have not already reported these, you **must** submit a corresponding Domestic-Violence-Related Homicide Report along with this form.
- ▶ If no incidents occurred, submit only this COMPLETED Summary Report to:

Submit to: NC State Bureau of Investigation Crime Reporting Unit
P.O. Box 29500
Raleigh, NC 27626

Fax: (919) 431-1638 Email: SBCrimeReport@ncsbi.gov

Agency Name:

ORI:

REMEMBER! If you had no incidents in a month, you must report "0" for that month for each column.

| | 2023 | 2023 | | 2023 | 2023 |
|----------|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Month | Number of DV Homicides | Number of Deaths by Deadly Force | Month | Number of DV Homicides | Number of Deaths by Deadly Force |
| January | | | July | | |
| February | | | August | | |
| March | | | September | | |
| April | | | October | | |
| May | | | November | | |
| June | | | December | | |

Name of Preparer/Title _____ Contact Phone Number _____

Date _____ Contact Email Address _____